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**TANCREDO APPLAUDS ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
*“DoD appoints military and civilian members and orders reports due
in one years time”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) today praised Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for the recent appointment of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Harassment. The appointment was mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004 in order to oversee the investigations of violence and sexual harassment at the nations’ military institutions.

“This is an important step in changing how the military addresses the issue of how male and female soldiers interact with each other,” said Tancredo, who originally called for a formal investigation after a constituent brought forth allegations of sexual abuse at the United States Air Force Academy. “It is my hope that this will lead into a transformation from the culture that allowed the sexual misconduct at the academy to take place to one where there is zero tolerance for such criminal behavior.”

The task force is charged with assessing and making recommendations to respond to allegations of sexual assault and violence at the nation’s military academies.

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